

ANNUAL REPORT | 2022



ABOUT ORANT CHARITIES AFRICA

MISSION

To build stable local communities in Malawi by empowering women and the poor with holistic and data-driven programs.

PROGRAMS

- Healthcare
- Water & Sanitation
- Education
- Agriculture & Business



LETTER FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



Takulandirani! Welcome to the 2022 Orant Annual Report.

The year 2022 was a very busy and rewarding year for our programs. There is an African Proverb that says “a united family is like a tree, it can bend, but it cannot break”. Our team stood together to overcome many challenges that we faced and we had a productive year in which we served the people of Central Malawi with life-saving medical care, agriculture and business training and loans, increased access to clean water, and education for students.

I would like to appreciate all the donors, colleagues and various partners for the sacrifice, hard work, and untiring efforts that you put in furthering Orant’s mission.

In 2022, we have seen the joining of new colleagues and many exciting initiatives. In this edition, we highlight some of the initiatives and activities. I wish you a wonderful time as you read some of the successes that Orant has registered in the year 2022. It is my hope that the year 2023 will be even a greater year! We look forward to sustainably expanding our programs, and continuing to collaborate with and serve the people of Malawi.

*Gabriel Kapanda Jr.
Country Director
Orant Charities Africa*

HEALTHCARE



66,497 patients treated

235

Mobile Outreach Clinic visits conducted



Orant's Mobile Outreach Clinic is a healthcare facility on wheels. Every morning, the mobile team drives to hard-to-reach rural areas. At each village, they unpack their vehicle and set up shop. Our Mobile Outreach Clinic makes healthcare accessible to patients who live up to 2 hours' walking distance to the nearest static clinic or hospital.

MATERNAL, NEWBORN, CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH

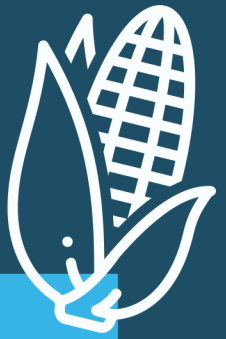
339 babies delivered

700 women attended antenatal clinics

289 cervical cancer screenings conducted



AGRICULTURE



2022 was the Mwayiwathu Farm Club's first year planting on Orant's farm. 10 farming families planted groundnuts (peanuts) and soya. The harvest was very successful and members are excited for the 2023 season.

\$3,370

in profit by
Mwayiwathu Farm Club

\$337 average profit per farmer \$4,792 in loans disbursed

24

classes conducted

11

irrigation clubs

21

irrigation crops



FEM/BUSINESS



The Tikondane and Tiyanjane FEM groups learn to make soap as a way of starting new businesses. They also learned knitting and have been knitting baby hats and gloves as well as scarves. By diversifying their skills and trades, these women can achieve higher earning power and better chance of success in a competitive market.

39

Participants in Orant's **FEM for Women** program

\$16,549

Loans disbursed by FEM for Women;
Zero loans went into default

WATER & SANITATION

79

wells repaired or rehabilitated

15

new wells drilled

273

wells maintained



Madzi ndi moyo – Water is life

A water problem is a life problem. When people lack clean water for drinking and household activities, their health, hygiene, and life quality is affected.

In 2022, Orant started focusing on maintaining wells on a schedule instead of waiting until they have broken to fix them. This means less money spent on expensive repairs, and more involvement from the communities.

EDUCATION



170 students sponsored

Orant's goal for sponsored students is for them to be able to contribute to Malawi's self-sufficiency. Former sponsored student, John Nyirenda, says "Education is key. It has transformed my life. It has given me hope and the opportunity to save others."

50

students graduated

25

partner schools

140

girl students sponsored

5

Ulemu Scholarship students



STAFF

In 2022 we welcomed James Mwambene to our Healthcare team. Linda Phiri was welcomed to Orant's management team as the Maternal and Child Health Manager. With their help, Orant will work to expand our medical programs and improve treatment for the most at-risk populations.



**DIRECTOR OF
HEALTH SERVICES**

James Mwambene



**MATERNAL AND CHILD
HEALTH MANAGER**

Linda Phiri



Orant staff together in 2022

WATER IS AN ISSUE OF GENDER

One Tuesday in 2019 remains an unforgettable day in Malita Chimbale's life. "It took me so long to return home from drawing water that my husband locked me out of the house," says Malita. Because of the dry season, drawing water took almost 5 hours. "The wells along the river could go dry after filling only two or three buckets. We had to wait in line for the groundwater to refill the well," she explains. "On this day I left home at 6 am. I had no option but to wait. My turn finally came and I was happy to go back home with water. I got back at 11 am." Despite her achievement, she found her husband furious.

Malita's situation mirrors those of many other women in rural areas.

Water insecurity remains a challenge in Malawi. Women and girls bear the brunt of the situation. To make matters worse, women and girls are subject to gender-based violence, including sexual exploitation and abuse. Walking in pre-dawn hours to gather water puts women and girls at risk of exploitation or attack.

Orant Charities Africa's Country Director, Gabriel Kapanda, says, "Most girls and women in rural areas struggle to safely obtain water. Our WASH program drills boreholes as a way of making sure that women and girls are well-protected."

"I am so glad for the gift of water that Orant has brought to my community," says Yosofina Kaseleta from Mzimuwakana Village. "Not so long ago, we had high numbers of young girls dropping out of school. But they have now returned to school." Yosofina explains how water insecurity causes many girls to drop out of school. They find it hard to fetch water to care for themselves during menses.

The new boreholes in Yosofina's village and surrounding areas lessened the issue of gender-based violence in homes. It also afforded women time to rest and to invest in other important areas like earning money for their families, caring for their children, and farming crops.



YANKHO

An Orant VR Film



Orant's new virtual reality film experience, *Yankho*, explores the story of Nankhoma, a Malawian mother whose dreams for her daughter are altered by the challenges of rural poverty. *Yankho* premiered at the 2023 Denton Black Film Festival, and is currently being submitted to other film festivals around the world!



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Chancy, a child in need of supplemental nutrition, participates in Orant's Ready to Use Therapeutic Food program.